



State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor

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Appointments Made to Standardbred Breed Development Advisory Committee and Advisory Board

Governor Mitch Daniels has appointed Michael Christner, Don Eash and Gordon Tabor to the Standardbred Breed Development Advisory Committee. Christner, Eash and Tabor replace Hank Blackwell, Nat Hill and Ernie Gaskin, who have honorably served the harness racing industry since the committee's inception in 1994. The Standardbred Breed Development Advisory Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Indiana Horse Racing Commission on Standardbred Breed Development Fund expenditures.

In addition, Governor Mitch Daniels has appointed Byron Hooley and Dwayne Rhule to the Standardbred Advisory Board. Hooley and Rhule join Pam Cross, Randy Dever, Jeff Henson and Scott Snyder on the Advisory Board. This board advises the Indiana Horse Racing Commission on the Indiana Sired Fair Circuit and Indiana Sires Stakes programs.

Both the Standardbred Breed Development Advisory Committee and Advisory Board work in cooperation with Hoosier Park, Indiana Downs, and the Indiana Standardbred Association to ensure the continued development of programs which stimulate the growth of the Standardbred industry and its economic impact to the State of Indiana.

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